Maemo Leste: Mobile Hacker OS

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What is Maemo Leste?

- Mobile OS for phones and tablets
- Based on Devuan (ascii release Debian stretch based)
 - Might switch to ceres (buster) soon
- No vendor kernels: only mainline (with minimal patches)
- GNU/Linux experience: freedom, hackability (and bugs? ;-))
- Pre-alpha stage(!)

Why Maemo Leste?

- Tired of Android, other mobile OSes
- Open, hackable, not locked down
- ► Fun!
- Practical, lots of software exists already
- Community developed (!)

History: Maemo Fremantle

Mobile OS made by Nokia for the N900.

- ► GNU/Linux
- Uses the debian package manager
- Many FOSS gtk and qt based applications available
- Only some parts are open source
- Still maintained by the community: CSSU (Community Seamless Software Update)
- https://wiki.maemo.org/Fremantle_closed_packages
- https://wiki.maemo.org/Free_Maemo

Status

Maemo Leste is in a pre-alpha stage

The following mostly just works:

- USB host/peripheral/otg
- Virtual keyboard
- Wireless
- Audio
- Charging

Also see https://leste.maemo.org/Status

Status: work in progress

The following items are being worked on

- ofono (data, sms, calls)
- 3d acceleration (works on some devices)
- accelerometer, ambient light sensor, radio (fm: rx and tx), bluetooth, led control, gps

browser

Infrastructure / CI

- Hosted on maemo.org servers, along with some of our personal hardware.
- Jenkins + jenkins-debian-glue builds our packages
 - https://phoenix.maemo.org/
- Build slaves are Allwinner and Softiron Overdrive machines.

Porting

- Replace HAL with eudev, upower, udisks, input devices, gadgetfs
- Port Maemo widgets and patches to Qt5, gtk
- Maemo CSSU has done a lot of porting and reverse engineering
- Replace or rewrite closed parts/dependencies
- Device specific X.org drivers (less and less)

Device: N900



- Generally in pretty good shape, needs some power management work
- Linux 4.15, with PowerVR patches, some powervr issues remain
- Wireless, battery, touchscreen, keyboard, usb peripheral, audio, led control works
- 3g data works without UI
- text messages work (phonecalls start, audio routing needs work) - lacks UI

Device: Motorola Droid 4



- Linux 4.14 (newer version also supports audio)
- No 3d acceleration yet (being worked on)
- Wireless, battery, touchscreen, keyboard, usb host and peripheral work
- 3g data, sms, calls are work in progress
- FOSDEM 2018: "Mainline Linux on Motorola Droid 4"

Device: Allwinner devices



- OLinuXino LIME2, Allwinner A33 tablets
- PineTab, PinePhone (they have a stand in the AW building!)
- 3d acceleration working!
- ▶ wireless, battery, touchscreen, usb host and peripheral work
- Mainline hardware video decoding!?

Device: Raspberry Pi 2+

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- Working 3d acceleration, wifi
- armhf and arm64/aarch64

Device: virtual machine



- Works with Qemu, Virtualbox, VMware
- Useful for development
- Passthrough of hardware (usb wifi) is very useful

Future

Various milestones yet to reach:

- Alpha, Beta releases for N900, Droid 4
- Working phone calls, phone UI
- Proper IPv6 connectivity/support
- Tor integration, wireguard integration
- More here:

https://github.com/maemo-leste/bugtracker/milestones

Generally:

- More community involvement (more people helping out)
- ► Support community devices: PinePhone, Necuno NC_1
- Anything you want

Summary

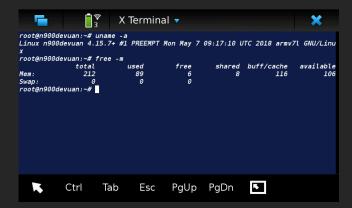
- Still in pre-alpha stage; alpha soon
- Already usable on several devices, more to come
- No phone calls ... yet
- ▶ Need more people to document, test and write code

Similar efforts

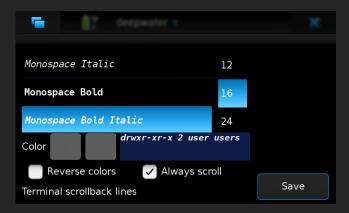
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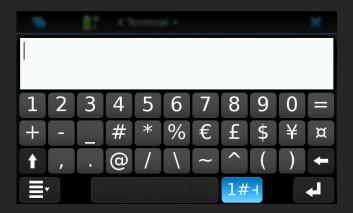
















Resources

- Homepage: https://maemo-leste.github.io/
- Wiki: https://leste.maemo.org
- Source: https://github.com/maemo-leste/
- Bugtracker: https://github.com/maemo-leste/bugtracker
- Maemo community: https://maemo.org
- ► IRC: irc.freenode.net #maemo-leste
- Mailing list: https://mailinglists.dyne.org/cgibin/mailman/listinfo/maemo-leste